vessel to the authorities at Pipavav port contains last 10 ports of call, and also shows that vessel was sailed from Yuzhny and anchored at Gawader port in Pakistan from 22nd August 2009 to 16th September 2009. There is no evidence on record that vessel was sailed from Bandar Abbas in Iran. The case is still under examination in the Department.

(c) and (d) The vessel had completed discharge at Pipavav port and sailed out before the complaint was received. A team consisting of one officer each from Department of Fertilizers and CFQC and TI (Mumbai), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation was deputed to further investigate the matter. The team took samples from the urea discharged by MV Saint Peter and stored at Pipavav port. The analysis of second sample done in CFQC and TI, Mumbai also conformed to the FCO specifications. However, the laboratory report indicates that the sample does not conform to the particle size specifications provided in the Contract. Against the contractual requirement of 90% (80% under FCO) the particle size retained on 1mm IS sieve is reported 84.15%. The supplier is liable to pay penalty for deficiency in particle size as per the contractual provisions.

Import and allotment of DAP and urea

†1714. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not providing adequate quantity of DAP fertilizer to farmers in the country;

(b) the allotment of DAP fertilizer and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of agencies and countries from where DAP and urea were imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) is decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992. The availability of DAP fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at state level and state Governments are responsible for its tie-up with the manufacturers and importers and further distribution within the State. The State-wise requirement, availability and sales of DAP during the year 2009-10 (April'09 to November'09) is given in statement (*See* below).

(c) The details of agencies and countries where the DAP and urea has been imported during the current year 2009-10 (April'09 to October'09) are as follows:

Urea		DAP	
Agencies	Countries	Agencies	Countries
1	2	3	4
MMTC, STC	Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, CIS, Egypt,	Tata Chemicals Limited, Indian Potash Limited,	USA, Jordan, China, Mexico,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
and IPL	Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar and S. Arabia.	IFFCO, Mosaic India Pvt. Limited, Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., Zuari Industries Ltd., KRIBHCO, Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd., Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Limited and Paradip Phosphates Ltd.	CIS, Tunisia, Russia, Australia, Lithuania and Turkey.

Statement

Estimated Cumulative Requirement, availability and Sales of DAP during the year 09-10 (April'09 to November'09)

DAP

(Qty. '000 Tonnes)

State	Requirement	Availability	Sales
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	800.00	769.18	695.87
Karnataka	605.00	662.24	636.83
Kerala	28.25	25.48	23.16
Tamil Nadu	331.00	244.47	225.33
Gujarat	685.00	640.79	582.29
Madhya Pradesh	804.15	868.16	782.59
Chhattisgarh	153.90	193.63	192.44
Maharashtra	889.70	1140.04	1101.22
Rajasthan	595.00	562.98	526.05
Haryana	650.00	625.52	619.82
Punjab	750.00	775.92	772.24
Jammu and Kashmir	66.75	35.06	33.60

1	2	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	1300.00	1321.49	1148.76
Uttarakhand	26.00	33.82	29.38
Bihar	335.00	283.50	263.48
Jharkhand	100.00	70.48	66.34
Orissa	148.48	186.39	169.24
West Bengal	307.40	324.37	307.86
Assam	19.40	18.82	17.96
All India	8627.05	8792.05	8205.35

Overcharging of medicines

1715. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total detection of overcharging of medicines under price control by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) till date;

(b) the percentage and value of overcharging of medicines produced in excise free zones;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to put price control on non-scheduled medicines mostly being manufactured from excise free zones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Based on detection of overcharging cases National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), since its inception and till 31st October 2009, has issued demand notices in 727 no. of cases for Rs.2106.29 crores (overcharging alongwith interest) for selling the medicines at higher than the price fixed under Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995). States like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim and Daman and Diu have different scheme of excise duty exemption. No separate State-wise records are maintained by NPPA in this regard.

(c) and (d) In respect of drugs not covered under DPCO, 1995 *i.e.* non-Scheduled drugs, manufacturers are at liberty to fix the prices by themselves without seeking the approval of Government/NPPA. Such prices are normally fixed depending on various factors like the cost of bulk drugs used in the formulation, cost of excipients, cost of R and D, cost of utilities/packing